THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) IOC provides CNG facilities at five retail outlets of which two each are based in Delhi and Mumbai and one at Baroda.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Joint Venture Companies have been set up in Mumbai and Delhi by Gas Authority of India Ltd. for supply of CNG to the transport sector and for expansion of infrastructural facilities for dispensing CNG.

Harassment of Kerosene Dealers

399. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Oil Corporation officers ire pressurizing and harassing their kerosene dealers belonging to SC/ST and ladies category to uplift certain quantity of industrial/automotive lubricants against the provisions of Essential Commodities Act and Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken/ proposed to be taken against such officers linking the PDS kerosene

supplies with the quantity of Lube Oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir. No such cases have been brought to the notice of Government.

(b) Does not arise.

भारत के नियंत्रक महालेखा परीक्षक के लेखा परीक्षा पैराओं के संबंध में की गई कार्रवाई

400. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी** : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1997 सहित गत तीन वर्षो के दौरान और अब तक, भारत के नियंत्रक महालेखा परीक्षक के मुख्य प्रशासनिक अधिकारी और संयुक्त सचिव (पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय) के कार्यालय से संबंधित कितने लेखा परीक्षा पैरा प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) लेखा परीक्षा पैराओं का ब्यौरा क्या हैं;

(ग) प्रत्येक लेखा परीक्षा पैरा के संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई की गई हैं; और

(घ) यदि कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की गई, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार) : (क) से (घ) पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में मुख्य प्रशासनिक अधिकारी और संयुक्त सचिव के पद का कोई अधिकारी नहीं है। सिविल पैराओं से संबंधित रिपोटें सरकार के उत्तर के साथ लोक लेखा समिति को भेजी जाती हैं, वाणिज्य पैराओं के उत्तर सरकार के विस्तृत उत्तरों के साथ सार्वजानिक उपक्रमों संबंधी समिति को भेजे जाते हैं।

Status of Oil Pool Account

401. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of oil pool account as on date;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government owe to pay certain amount to the oil companies against the bonds issued to them if so, the details thereof, company-wise;

(c) the amount of duty paid by these companies company-wise during current financial year, month-wise; and

(d) whether such amount collected from companies is diverted to meet deficit in oil pool account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) With a view to contain the deficit in the Oil Pool Account and to enable the Oil Companies to maintain uninterrupted supplies of petroleum products in the country, the Government announced a comprehensive package on September 1, 1997. To end the oil pool deficit, the Government had decided that part of the liabilities of the Oil Coordination

Committee to the Oil Companies shall be cleared through issue of Special Government Bonds by making one time payment to the Oil Companies. Consequently, "10.5% Oil Companies (Non-Transferable) Special Government Bonds 2005" totaling to Rs. 12,984 crores were issued effective 02.03.98. Out of these bonds issued, an amount of Rs. 6382 crores has been sanctioned for redemption of Bonds. Thereafter, "on Account" payments of Rs. 781 crores have been made till 31.01.99.

(b) The company-wise position of bonds issued effective 02.03.98, sanction issued for redemption thereof and the "On Account" payments made after the latest issuance of Govt. Sanction for redemption of bonds is given hereunder:

Oil Companies	Bonds issued	Sanction issued for redemption of bonds	Balance amount of Bonds after sanctioned redemption	'On Account' payment made after latest sanction for redemption (from 16.11.98 to 31.1 .1998)	Balance (as on 31.01.1999)
MRL	164	164	0	0	0
IOC	6478	4079	2399	457	1942
MKPL	1242	311	931	56	875
ONGC	3122	709	2413	136	2277
OIL	224	57	167	10	157
BPC	760	491	266	56	210
HPC	994	568	426	66	360
TOTAL	12984	6382	6602	781	5821

(c) and (d) The details of the duty paid by the companies during the current financial year will be known only after closing fo financial year *i.e.* after 31st March, 1999. The duties are paid by the oil companies to the exchequer and have no impact on the deficit in the Oil Pool Account.

Petrol Adulteration in the Capital

402. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA:
SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adulteration racket of petrol, diesel and mobile oil is flourishing in the capital on a "large scale on individual basis' as reported in the Hindustran Times dated 8th February, 1999;

(b) if so, what action the police/ enforcement agencies concerned have taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Hindustan Petroleum and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. have so far been able to detect/trace the contents used in adulteration of petrol; and

(d) if so, with what result and whether Government propose to stop open sale of mobil oil, etc.?